

## Message Text

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R 300450Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO USDOC WASHDC  
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
SECSTATE WASHDC 7058

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BEXP, SA  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DECLINE IN US TRADE WITH SAUDI ARABIA

REF: USDOC 1188

1. BOB CREW IS REPORTER ON "SAUDI GAZETTE" WHO APPARENTLY  
LOOKING FOR SENSATIONAL, EVEN IF FALSE, ARTICLE DID A LOCAL  
PIECE ENTITLED "SUN SETS ON US SUPREMACY IN SAUDI ARABIA",  
WHILE ADMITTING THAT SHARE OF TRADE HAS DECLINED  
PERCENTAGEWISE COMMATT POINTED TO HEAVY INCREASE IN  
ABSOLUTE TERMS. CREW OMITTED LATTER TO MAKE A THOROUGHLY  
UNBALANCED PRESENTATION OF US TRADE AND GAVE SEVERAL  
FALSE IMPRESSIONS AND EXAMPLE OF WHICH WAS ONLY 20,000  
US NATIONALS IN SAUDI ARABIA, FOUR TIMES LESS THAN 4 YEARS  
AGO. INFO ON TRADE GIVEN HERE WAS ON NON ATTRIBUTABLE  
BASIS. THIS ALSO DISREGARDED.

2. ARTICLE, SOMEWHAT MODIFIED TURNED UP IN LONDON TIMES  
UNDER CREWE BY-LINE. EMBASSY LONDON SENT US COPY.  
SINCE "SAUDI GAZETTE" HAS TO DATE NOT PUBLISHED OUR  
REJOINDER TO THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE WE GAVE AP STRINGER,  
BOB LEBLING GIST OF OUR REBUTTAL WITHOUT FIGURES.

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3. ARTICLE FROM SAUDI GAZETTE AND OUR REBUTTAL LETTER WILL  
BE POUCHED TO EDMONDS/CAGNE. SAME REBUTTAL SLIGHTLY  
ALTERED HAS BEEN SENT TO EMBASSY, LONDON FOR TRANSMITTAL  
TO "TIMES" AT ITS DISCRETION. THE MATTER APPEARS TO HAVE  
FADED IN LOCAL INTEREST.  
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